

# CY BARGER TO SWING HIS AX SHORTLY

Arrival of New Ball Players Makes It Necessary to Let Some of Tribesmen Go.

BY BOB PIGUE.

**M**ANAGER CY BARGER, of the Chicks, is sharpening his ax and getting ready to apply it to some of the present Tribesmen, owing to the fact that new ball players are arriving, and as the player limit in the Southern is 14 men, some athletes will have to be disposed of.

Just who will get the axe is not known as yet, as Chief Barger is undecided as to who he shall keep. The arrival of Jack Lewis, an infielder, further complicates the situation as regards inner workers, for there are more infielders on the team now than anything else, and something will have to be done to relieve the congestion.

At Cook, who has been playing second base during the past several days, has been relegated to the bench in favor of Jack Lewis. What disposition will be made of Cook remains to be seen, but it is a cinch that he and Lewis can not be retained unless some other athlete is let out. On third base, Carl Manda is expected to be placed as soon as he shows up, which will be either today or Friday, and a message received from Don Carlos yesterday. This will mean that Vincent Walsh will be thrown out of a job, and it is quite probable that the young St. Louisian will be given his release.

## Will Keep Five Pitchers.

Chief Barger will keep his present staff of pitchers, while including Eddie Foster, Tiny Goodbread, Hugh Canavan, Roy Fentress and himself. There will be no pruning of the hurling staff within the ensuing few weeks, anyway.

On first base Joe Slattery is performing, while Frank Griffin, another first sacker, who was given the first-base job over Slats, is taking care of right field, due to a shortage of outer gardeners.

The Chicks are on the trail of another infielder, and what he is secured there will remain two first basemen, Slattery and Griffin. That Griffin will be retained has already been announced by Manager Barger, which means that Slattery will have to look around and get another job, which he has already figured on.

The Tribe is still seeking another infielder on top of the gang they've got already in the person of Slats, who is the property of the Brooklyn Nationals. Tiny Goodbread knows him, and says he is a bear. When he gets here, it is quite probable that Dick Conway will be sent to the outfield, Nagle placed either at short or second base, and Jack Lewis taking care of either short or second.

The Chick magnates are going out to arrange a real ball club this season, and any time the present aggregation doesn't deliver the goods, ball players are going to be secured who can come across with a winning brand of the national pastime. This is the Chicks' year to show a real ball club, and they're going to do it if it takes every penny in the Tribe's strong box.

The many deals being made, the shifts, the changes, bears out this statement.

## PHILS AND ROBINS IN 20-ROUND TIE

Longest Game of Present Season Uncorked.

**PHILADELPHIA, May 1.**—Philadelphia and Brooklyn battled 20 innings to a nine-run tie score in the final game of their present series here yesterday.

It was one of the most sensational baseball contests ever played on the local National league record. Joe Oeschger and Burleigh Grimes performed in the box throughout the four hours required to play the game.

Brooklyn led, 5 to 4, until the eighth, when the Phils scored two runs. An error by Pearce enabled Hickman, who ran for Krueger, to score the tying run in the ninth.

It was a sensational home run by Myers in the nineteenth, with Olson and Griffith, who had singled, on the bases, that gave Brooklyn three runs and what appeared to be a victory.

Griffith's miff of Williams' fly in the Joe's half of the nineteenth started their rally. Bancroft forced Williams, but Luderus and Whitted singled, and after Baird tapped to Grimes, Meusel batted for Pearce and walked, Crayth, pinch hitting for Cady, batted the ball against the right field fence for two bases, but Meusel was run down at third as he hesitated there.

Score: R.H.E. Brooklyn.....023 000 001 000 000 000 30-9 22 3 Philadelphia.....103 000 020 000 000 000 30-9 15 3

Grimes and Krueger, M. Wheat, Oeschger and Cady, Adams.

## TWO TO GALVESTON.

**JOPLIN, Mo., May 1.**—Earnest L. Collins and Clarence Roper, infielders, were released by the Joplin club of the Western league yesterday and left for Galveston to join the Texas league club of that city.

## THE CHICKS' HOME STAY.

With Nashville, May 1.  
With Nashville, May 2.  
With Nashville, May 3.  
With Nashville, May 4.  
With Chattanooga, May 5.

## BASEBALL TODAY NASHVILLE VS. MEMPHIS

GAME CALLED AT 4 P.M.  
Tickets on Sale at Samelson's

## Kid Elberfeld Denies Umpire's Accusations

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 1.**—(Sp.)—Manager Norman Elberfeld, of the Little Rock Travelers, who was suspended by President Martin Wednesday on a statement made by Umpire Harry Johnson, did not attempt to strike the umpire. The occurrence happened in front of the press box.

Walsh's bat slipped to the infield as he swung his third strike and he was fined five dollars. Elberfeld walked out from the dugout and before uttering a word was fined and banished from the game.

The umpire has been calling bad ones and the fans have been on him. He has been riding the players, before and during the game. Elberfeld will be permitted to sit in the press box.

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE.**  
Memphis-Chattanooga, rain.  
Little Rock-Nashville, rain.

At Atlanta.....R.H.E.  
Mobile.....0 1 2 0 0 0 0 1-5 7 3  
Atlanta.....0 0 2 1 0 0 2 0-2 13 4  
Day and Coleman; Hasty, Thorburn and Neiderkorn.

At Birmingham.....R.H.E.  
Birmingham.....0 0 1 0 1 2 0 4-11 1  
New Orleans.....1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1-3 8 5  
Sigman and Peters; Robertson and Deberry.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
At Detroit.....R.H.E.  
Chicago.....1 0 2 0 1 4 0 1-3 8 3  
Detroit.....2 0 0 0 0 1 0 13-7 12 6

Kerr and Schaik; Erickson, Cunningham and Stange.

At Washington.....R.H.E.  
Boston.....1 1 2 0 2 0 0 0-6 15 0  
Washington.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 7 2  
Jardine and Schang; Craft, Thompson, Shaw and Plcinich.

At St. Louis.....R.H.E.  
Cleveland.....3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-4 11 1  
St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0-2 9 0  
Tihle, Coubme and O'Neil; Wellman, Lowdermilk, Kobb, Lefield and Severeid.

At New York.....R.H.E.  
Philadelphia.....0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1-2 5 0  
New York.....2 1 0 0 2 0 0 0-5 10 2  
Watson, Anderson, Geary and Perkins; Thormahlen, Shawkey and Ruel.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
At Boston.....R.H.E.  
New York.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 13-8 2  
Boston.....0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-2 19 1  
C. Smith, Jones, Causey and McCarty; Smith, Neff, Northrop and Wilson, Traggesser.

At Chicago.....R.H.E.  
St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-4 2  
Chicago.....1 0 0 0 0 2 0 1-4 8 0  
Meadows, Tuero and Snyder; Douglas and Killefer.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.**  
St. Louis 7, Louisville 0.  
Indianapolis 2, Milwaukee 1.  
Toledo-Kansas City, cold.  
Columbus-Minneapolis, cold.

**TEXAS LEAGUE.**  
Beaumont 2-5, Houston 8-1.  
Dallas 5-4, Shreveport 4-3.  
Galveston 11, San Antonio 0.  
Fort Worth 4, Waco 3.

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
Buffalo 11, Jersey City 3.  
Ringhamton 2, Reading 6.  
Rochester 8, Baltimore 1.  
Toronto 7, Newark 1.

**WESTERN LEAGUE.**  
Tulsa 4, Omaha 3.  
Joplin 1, Sioux City 3.  
St. Joseph 14, Oklahoma City 2.  
Des Moines 5, Wichita 1.

**WHERE THEY PLAY.**  
SOUTHERN LEAGUE.  
Nashville.....at Memphis.  
New Orleans.....at Atlanta.  
Mobile.....at Birmingham.  
Chattanooga.....at Little Rock.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
St. Louis.....at Cleveland.  
Detroit.....at Philadelphia.  
Washington.....at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
Boston.....at Brooklyn.  
Philadelphia.....at New York.  
Chicago.....at Pittsburgh.  
Cincinnati.....at St. Louis.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.  
Milwaukee.....at Columbus.  
St. Paul.....at Toledo.  
Minneapolis.....at Indianapolis.  
Kansas City.....at Louisville.

TEXAS LEAGUE.  
Dallas.....at Fort Worth.  
Beaumont.....at San Antonio.  
Galveston.....at Houston.

**SEVEN EVENTS ON G. C. PROGRAM TO CLOSE MONDAY**

**HARTFORD, Conn., May 1.**—Seven events on the program of the Grand Circuit meeting at Charter Oak park close Monday, May 5. The main event will be the thirty-fourth renewal of the Charter Oak \$10,000 purse for 2:12 trotters. Other purses will be those of the Chanticleer of \$4,000 for 2:10 trotters, \$2,000 for 2:08 trotters, Eagle, \$2,000 for 2:06 pacers, and two of \$2,000 each for two and three-year-old trotters. A purse of \$2,000 will go to the winner in a special race between winners of the Chanticleer, Lion and Eagle events.

**YANKS RELEASE THREE.**  
NEW YORK, May 1.—The New York American league club last night announced the release of catcher Earle Baldwin to the San Francisco club of the Pacific Coast league, and of pitcher Alexander Ferguson and outfielder Frank Kane to the Toledo club of the American association.

## ROCKING IN THE TWILIGHT

BY BOB PIGUE.

**A**FTER having been felled twice in as many days by the rainmaker, Chief Barger and his Chicks will make another effort to get under way this afternoon at Russwood, the Nashville Volunteers being in Memphis for a quartet of skirmishes with the Tribe.

The Chattanooga Lookouts remained in Memphis until noon Wednesday and watched the rain patter down until they decided that there would be nothing doing in a baseball way, so they boarded a train for Little Rock, where they are carded to open up with the managers' Travelers this afternoon.

Chief Barger will present a change of front against the Volunteers today, Jack Lewis, an infielder, having arrived and joined the Tribe. Jacques will be seen at second base and suburbs, succeeded by none other than Cook, who will grace the bench for a few days. Slattery will remain at first, Conway will play short and Walsh will occupy the last corner.

Manager Barger is planning to pitch Eddie Foster his latest acquisition, with Red Smith resuming his duties behind the bat, after a layoff of several days on account of a wounded finger sustained in the Little Rock series.

Manager Roy Ellum, of the Vols, will probably depend upon Bullet Joe DeCatur or Metz to do the propelling for the Nashville club, with Gabby Street back of the plate.

The patter of the raindrops on the window will may be sweet music to some people's listeners, but not to the ear of the baseball magnate, who has 14 hungry athletes to feed and it husky contracts to keep paid up.

## THE ELBERFELD CASE.

President John D. Martin, of the Southern league, has been forced to suspend Norman Elberfeld, manager of the Little Rock Travelers, indefinitely on account of Elberfeld's having with Umpire Harry Johnson in Little Rock Tuesday.

The league president took no hasty action, but waited until he had reports from both umpires as well as a number of spectators at the game in which the Little Rock manager is said to have stepped on the umpire's toes with his spikes and otherwise contributed to the discomfort of the arbiter. The actions of the Kid in Sunday's Little Rock-Memphis game at Russwood park, in which he was led out of the park by a bluecoat, were expected to lead to a suspension, but the league president desired to be lenient with the Little Rock pilot and not suspend him if it could be avoided. But when the Kid pulled the same sort of act in Little Rock on the same umpire, President Martin had no other course than to suspend him.

Fred Bratchi is hitting the ball hard for the Atlanta Crackers, leader, and Charley Frank, Cracker leader, is wondering how the fence buster ever happened to get away from Memphis.

Fred was anxious for a change of scenery and more than once had asked for a transfer, and the Memphis club owners finally decided to let Fred make any such deal that he could. Fred went to Atlanta, made a deal with Frank, and Frank bought him from Memphis.

**DOBY AT IT AGAIN—OR YET**  
Leon Bohard, former Tribesman, who was sold by the Chicks to the Beaumont club of the Texas league, is a holdout and refuses to report to the Texans.

Doby is pulling the same line of stuff that he handed the Memphis club. The Texas leaguers needed him and made him all kinds of offers, but he couldn't pull away from his dear New Orleans, so the Chicks will have to suspend him or sell him to some other team.

The New Orleans Pelicans and Mobile Bears are now seeking to inaugurate twilight baseball in the Southern and have appealed to the league president for permission to start their games at 8:30 o'clock, claiming that they can draw more people.

**CRACKERS RAISE FLAG.**  
The Atlanta Crackers, pennant winners of the 1917 season, raised their pennant a couple of days ago, had the usual program of proceedings and whooped things up generally.

Manager Cholly Frank stated that he would have raised his flag in the 1918 season, but that the season, as well as the Atlanta team was blower, and he decided to wait until 1919. Charley raised it early this season before the Crackers could have a chance to blow.

A sprint expert claims that a marriage has the best chance of becoming a successful Marathon runner. Maybe he's used to it.

## HOW THEY STAND

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
Atlanta.....5.....2......714  
New Orleans.....4.....4......500  
Nashville.....4.....2......667  
Little Rock.....3.....2......600  
MEMPHIS.....2.....3......400  
Mobile.....2.....4......333  
Birmingham.....2.....5......286  
Chattanooga.....1.....4......200

**AMERICAN LEAGUE.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
Chicago.....4.....1......857  
Boston.....4.....1......800  
Cleveland.....3.....1......750  
New York.....2.....3......400  
Philadelphia.....2.....3......400  
Washington.....2.....4......333  
Detroit.....1.....4......200  
St. Louis.....1.....5......167

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
Cincinnati.....6.....0.....1.000  
Brooklyn.....4.....1......800  
Philadelphia.....3.....2......600  
Chicago.....3.....3......500  
Pittsburgh.....2.....3......400  
New York.....2.....3......400  
St. Louis.....1.....6......143  
Boston.....0.....5......000

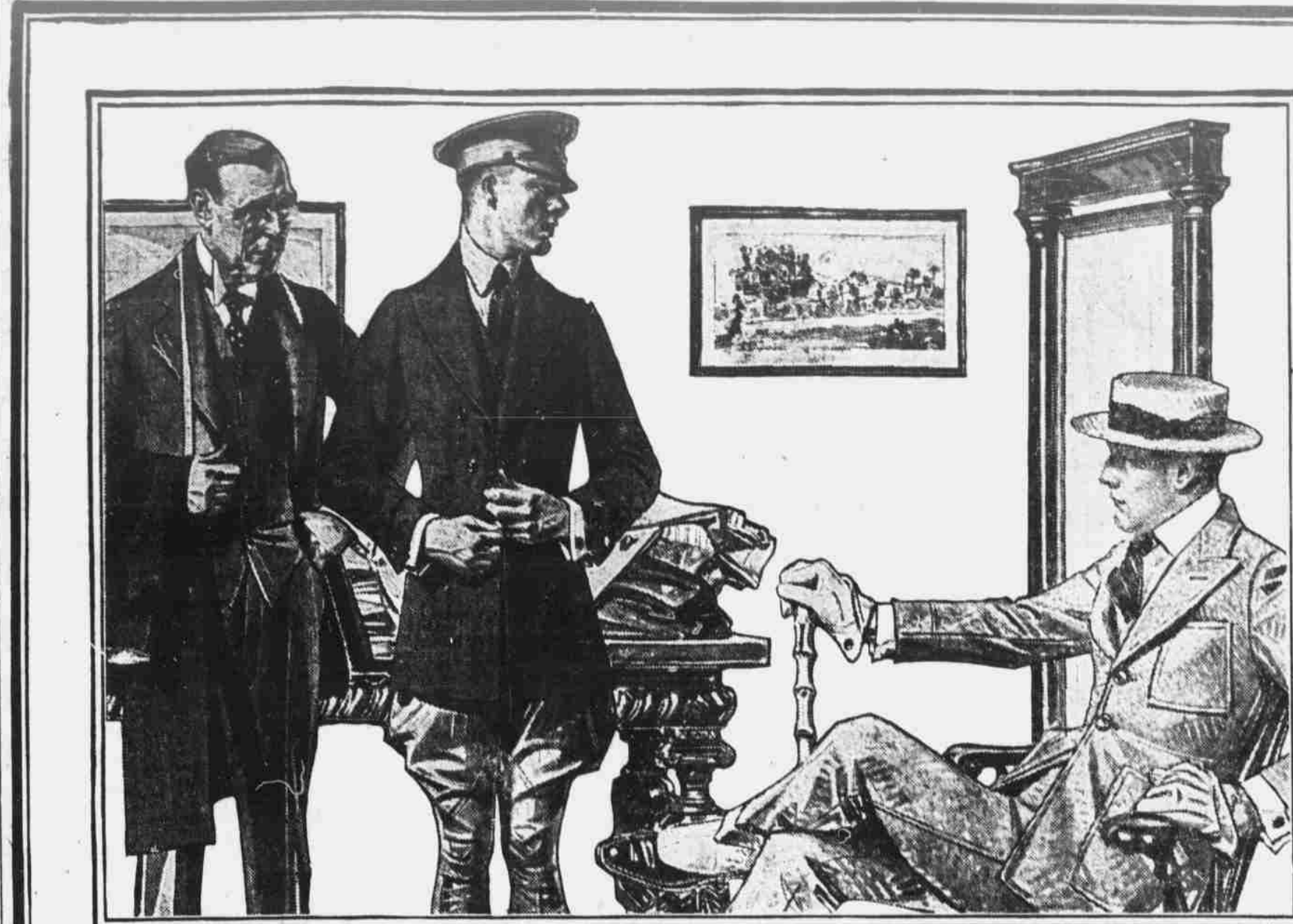
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
St. Paul.....5.....2......714  
Louisville.....4.....2......667  
Columbus.....3.....1......750  
Minneapolis.....1.....5......167  
Kansas City.....2.....2......500  
Indianapolis.....3.....4......429  
Milwaukee.....1.....2......333  
Toledo.....0.....3......000

**TEXAS LEAGUE.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
Waco.....5.....4......556  
Houston.....5.....4......556  
Beaumont.....4.....4......500  
Shreveport.....4.....4......500  
Galveston.....4.....4......500  
Fort Worth.....4.....4......500  
San Antonio.....4.....4......500  
Dallas.....3.....5......375

**WESTERN LEAGUE.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
Tulsa.....1.....0.....1.000  
Joplin.....1.....0.....1.000  
St. Joseph.....1.....0.....1.000  
Des Moines.....1.....0.....1.000  
Omaha.....0.....1......000  
Sioux City.....0.....1......000  
Oklahoma City.....0.....1......000  
Wichita.....0.....1......000

**INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.**  
Team.....Won.....Lost.....Pct.  
Buffalo.....1.....0.....1.000  
Reading.....1.....0.....1.000  
Rochester.....1.....0.....1.000  
Toronto.....1.....0.....1.000  
Newark.....0.....1......000  
Jersey City.....0.....1......000  
Baltimore.....0.....1......000  
Binghamton.....0.....1......000

**WHALEN CHOSEN.**  
BOSTON, May 1.—Walter Whalen, Boston Athletic association high jumper, received word from the Amateur Athletic union yesterday that he had been selected to represent the United States in athletic competitions in Sweden this year. Whalen said he understood that five men would be sent to Sweden and that Jole Ray and Ted Meredith would be members of the team, with a weight man and a hurdler not yet designated.



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